[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

Male Doctor in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon.

10. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that, with a view to the administration of the Quilon Victoria Hospital for Women being solely conducted by women, that institution had been separated from the Quilon District Hospital, even at the time when Dr. Lakshmanan was in charge of the latter institution?

(*b*) Are the Government aware of the fact that at present a young man has been appointed as Second Assistant in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon?

(*c*) Are the Government aware of the fact that the appointment of a young man in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, which is intended for women and administered by women, will cause much inconvenience to women?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to immediately cancel this appointment and entertain a lady doctor?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) This institution has not been constituted as a *gosha* hospital, but in view of the fact that it is an institution for women and children, women are appointed as members of the staff as far as possible.

(*b*) Yes. On account of the paucity of qualified women.

(*c*) No complaint on this score has been received.

(*d*) The male member of the staff will be replaced by a woman when a qualified woman becomes available.

Facilities for Specialists in the Medical Department.

11. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether facilities have been given for the treatment of diseases to those who have come out as "specialists" in the Medical Department?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Officers of the Department who have taken special courses in particular branches of medicine or surgery cannot be called "specialists" in those branches, in the sense in which that word is understood in the medical profession. Nor would it be possible always or desirable to confine the work of such officers to those particular branches of medicine or surgery in which they have taken a special course. Government have been giving all possible facilities to their officers in the discharge of their duties.

Out-patient Department, General Hospital.

12. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names, examination qualifications and length of service of the doctors who prescribed medicines in the out-patient department during

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